

RAILROAD TIME TABLE.		
A. T. & S. F.		
Arrival and departure of trains at the Dodge City depot by central time.		
EASTWARD.		
No.	Train	Time
No. 4	Atlantic Express	2:30 a. m.
No. 5	New York Express	1:00 p. m.
No. 6	Eastern Express	4:30 a. m.
No. 7	Colorado Express	2:30 p. m.
No. 8	Denver Express	12:40 p. m.
WESTWARD.		
No.	Train	Time
No. 3	California Express	1:50 a. m.
No. 4	Colorado Express	3:30 p. m.
No. 5	Denver Express	12:40 p. m.

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	W. W. Cottrill, West District.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

BAPTIST CHURCH. —Rev. John E. Gregory, pastor. Services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening. Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Mrs. Ida Beadle, Superintendent. All are cordially invited.	
METHODIST CHURCH. —Rev. G. Lowther, pastor. Services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Thursday evening. Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m.	
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. —Rev. T. M. Boyd, pastor. Services at usual hours every Sunday. Sabbath School at 10 a. m.	
CHRISTIAN CHURCH. —Meets at Union Church the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Sunday School every Sunday at 9:45 a. m. W. M. Leonard, Minister.	
CATHOLIC CHURCH. —Services will be held from 8 to 10 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. to 12 p. m. in Catholic church. On the first three Sundays of each month, Mass at 8 a. m., 10:30 a. m., and 12 p. m. Devotion and Benediction. GARDEN CITY.—Every 4th Sunday of the month. During the week following the 4th Sunday of each month: Monday at 8 a. m.; Tuesday at 8 a. m.; Wednesday at 8 a. m.; Thursday at 8 a. m.	

THE YOUTH'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

Every Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock, at Presbyterian church.

LOCAL NEWS.

It is time to swear off and make new resolves.

Western property bought, sold or exchanged. Hastings, Harmony & Todd.

If you want to catch our devil you will find him where you find the Times, under the post office.

The snows, the warm days, and freezing nights, is putting the ground in excellent condition for farmers.

If the different societies will report to us the items of interest we will be glad to publish them.

Mr. J. W. Lee, from Kingman, is in the city visiting his son, W. G. Lee, our efficient abstractor.

See the Economy Shoe Store's new ad this week. It will pay you to call and get his prices on articles in his line.

There is a tide in the affairs of men which, if not skillfully dodged at the proper time, turns them.

Business men who advertise in the Times, will find that their announcements go directly to the home buying classes.

Mrs. Roy Drake, assisted by Miss Lizzy Culver and Miss Happy Plumer, will receive New Year's day. Calls from 12 until 5.

The undersigned has eastern customers for a few choice farms in Ford county. Reasonable insurance is not objectionable. Please give us a call.

W. H. LEATHERWOOD.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. return thanks to Mr. J. P. Franky for \$5 which he donated to this society.

Mrs. W. H. HOWARD.

Mrs. Mary Collier assisted by Miss Hatie Goldstein and Mrs. Kate Brockman, will receive New Year calls at the residence of the former. Hours from 12 to 5 o'clock.

Two Dodge City men once made a bet as to who could tell the biggest lie. One of them began: "A GENTLEMAN from Garden City."—"Stop right there," said the other and take your money. "I can't beat this."

The drawing for the Weaver Organ, given away by the Bee Hive store, took place Tuesday evening, Dec. 27. R. W. Evans and D. M. Frost acted as judges. The lucky number was 27, held by H. B. Landis, issued June 23.

Wanted, all the ladies of Dodge City to call and examine my mammoth stock of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silver Ware. Just the thing for Holiday presents. P. H. Young, City Jeweler.

Mrs. Irving Mudgett will take a limited number of day boarders at her residence on 1st avenue, 4 door above the M. E. church. She also has pleasant and commodious rooms to rent. Terms reasonable.

The Santa Fe coaches are being arranged to run incandescent electric lights instead of coal oil lamps. The next thing to go will be the deadly stove. The absence of the stove and lamp will make passengers feel more safe.

The Cox-Evans-Wiebenson dramatic company at the Opera house last Tuesday evening was a pronounced success. A full house will always greet this favorite company whenever they favor Dodge City with any of their unique performances.

Many of us on looking back over the past year on the dark side of life's picture, are apt to be discouraged. Look at the bright side of life. Find out where you have failed and avoid these mistakes, and with greater firmness press to the future that you may win the success that is the heritage of every man.

Mr. J. W. Bradshaw, one of the substantial farmers of Bucklin township was in Dodge City last week. He reports every thing to be in prosperous condition in that part of the county, and congratulates himself on the new railroad, and the ease with which he can come to Dodge in the future.

J. C. Harrell editor of the Ford County Democrat, was in Dodge City last Saturday. He expressed himself as well pleased with the progress Dodge was making in the way of public improvements, and thought it as a bit of pride that would well become every citizen of Ford county to have a large, thriving prosperous city for county seat. Come again Mr. Harrell we are glad to see you.

Rev. D. S. Donegan, formerly pastor of the Baptist church at this place, returned from an extended trip in Pueblo and Denver. Mr. Donegan is better pleased than ever, since he has seen the improvements being made in our prosperous city. He has unbounded faith in the future greatness of Dodge City, and says now is the time to invest instead of selling. Mr. Donegan is right.

J. G. Burkholder and J. H. Wright, of Hansford, Texas, and W. F. Pitzer, M. Ayers, and J. K. Beacham, of Pratt Center, were in the city last Monday, attending a meeting of Hansford Town Company. Hansford is a new town and prospective county seat of Hansford county, Texas. A number of the business men of Dodge City are interested in the town and will put into it the push and enterprise that insures success.

Work on the "Pleasant Valley bridge," north of Fonda, across the Arkansas river has been suspended for a few days, for want of material. If material arrives this week, work will be resumed at once, and pushed to completion, on or before Feb. 1st, 1888. When completed, it will be one of the most important improvements in Ford county, as it will bring the Rock Island Railroad within easy reach of the finest bottom on the Arkansas river, well settled by an industrious class of farmers and stock raisers, who have long felt the oppression of the A. T. & S. F. R. R. who now gets such a formidable rival in the R. I.

When the Times greets you again it will be 1888.

Your happiness is found only in eating Blooms home made candies. 32-41

Miss Clara Zimmermann is home from school, to spend the holidays.

Col. C. D. Perry, President of the A. K. & C., returned from Chicago last Monday.

Hastings, Harmony & Todd, are sole agents for McClure Place and F. W. Boyd's addition.

Mr. D. P. Smith, from Cato Crawford county Kansas is in Dodge City this week furnishing our people with good apples.

Jeff D. Grant of Newton, was in Dodge Saturday shaking hands with his many friends. It is a "cold day" when Jeff gets left.

I desire to thank my friends of Dodge City for their kind and faithful care during my late illness. May they meet their reward.

Mrs. BELLE MOON.

The Dodge City Ice company are working twenty teams, and a full complement of men putting up Duck creek crystal.

If you insure with Wenie & Boyer, they understand their business, and will make you safe. 32-41

Another destructive conflagration visited Garden City on the morning of the 27th. The loss on buildings and stock about \$20,000.

Don't make any calculation of buying your holiday goods out of town. Our home merchants have laid in a large and well assorted line at city prices. This is a fact worth remembering.

Dr. S. Galland made the Times office a pleasant call this week, and paid up his subscription for another year in advance. We are glad to see so many of our old subscribers paying up in advance. It shows that they appreciate the paper.

Drs. G. V. Copp and O. H. Simpson have formed a partnership, and will have their dental rooms over the Bee Hive, where they would be glad to see all their patrons. This makes an efficient firm, and we have no doubt but that success will attend them.

28,000 acres of fine Missouri timber land for sale or exchange, as a whole, or by quarter sections. Hastings, Harmony & Todd.

A franchise has been granted by the city council to J. H. Hastings and M. S. Todd, for the use of the streets, and avenues of this city, for telephone purpose. The work of putting up the wires will be begun as soon as weather permits. This counts another improvement for Dodge City.

Judge Jas. W. Head, a capitalist of Shelbyville Ky. is visiting Fitzgerald and Moffitt, looking after his real estate interests in the city, and will probably make some further investments. Judge Head expresses himself as exceedingly well pleased with Kansas generally, and Dodge City especially.

Beeson's orchestra, consisting of nine pieces, were down to Nickerson last Friday night furnishing music for a grand holiday ball. They have been engaged for the same place January the 19th to play for a meeting of the conductors of the A. T. & S. F. This speaks more than words that they were highly appreciated at Nickerson, and are sure of being recalled on every important occasion, where extra fine music is needed. They played at Kinsley Tuesday night at the Public Installation of the Masons, and had a grand time. Last night they played at Minneola 25 miles south of Dodge City. Out side towns soon catch on where they can get good music, and Beeson's orchestra will be in greater demand as they become known in the different parts of the state.

The Delmonico was all ablaze with mirth and joy last Saturday afternoon. The occasion was the celebration by Nettie Heinz of her 10th birthday day, and by Maude of her 7th. Invitations sent out called together fully fifty persons, mostly ladies and lassies. From two to five and after, the company enjoyed the mirthfulness of the occasion and the generous hospitalities of Mr. and Mrs. Heinz. When the guests had fully assembled, Nettie, in a very unique and eloquent speech, bid them welcome. A bounteous repast soon followed, just such as Mr. Heinz can command, and was greatly appreciated by all present, old and young. Many birthday gifts and valuable presents were bestowed upon the little Misses, and if good wishes are any thing, both Nettie and Maude will live fully their three score years and ten in undisturbed happiness. Certainly Nettie can look back with pride upon the tenth mile stone of her journey.

OBITUARY.

Died, at his residence on the reservation, about two miles east of this city, on Tuesday morning, the 27th inst., Frederick G. Smith, aged 69 years and 11 mos. Mr. Smith was born in Chenango county, New York, in the year 1819, where he resided until of age; he then went to Connecticut where he remained until about the year 1848, when he went to Fondulac county, Wisconsin, where he resided 18 years; thence he went to Iowa, and in the year 1871 removed to Adair county, Mo., where he resided until he removed to this county last March in the hope of improving his health. Mr. Smith had been afflicted for a number of years with that dreaded disease, consumption; but was able to attend to his ordinary business until about three years ago. He was confined to his room about 3 months. Was a man of great vitality for one of his age, and, and owing to this fact, made a wonderful battle with the disease to which he had to finally succumb. His only occupation was that of a farmer. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife and four children—one son and three daughters—Mrs. J. F. Franky, Mrs. H. McGarry, of this city, Mrs. J. C. Montgomery, of Canton, McPherson county, and Carson Smith, who resided with his parents.

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The revival meetings will begin in a few days, let every one arrange to attend them.

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NEW YEAR.

Another glorious holiday season is here and the year will soon be numbered with the past. We look back and find that the material development throughout the country is beyond the expectation of the most sanguine. The growth of trade has been without a precedent. Scarcely a disturbance in the industrial or financial world worthy of national notice. No widespread epidemic has raged within our borders. Our relations with foreign powers have been pleasant and satisfactory. We are prepared to enter upon the new year under the most favorable auspices, and the indications are for great national prosperity.

A PLEASANT WEDDING.

A very quiet but happy wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Charles Beeman, of Dodge City, last Wednesday evening, Dec. 21st, when Rev. B. F. Powlson spoke the words that made one Mr. George A. Conrad and Miss Lillian M. Beeman. Only a few special friends of the contracting parties were present to wish them God speed on their life's journey. The presents were many and valuable, showing the kind remembrance in which the parties were held by their many friends. A fine supper had been prepared for the occasion, to which ample justice was done. A grand reception was given on Thursday at the residence of J. H. Conrad. The young couple start out in their new estate under very favorable auspices. The Times extends congratulations, and wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Beeman a most pleasant journey through life.

MARRIED.—By Rev. H. Evans, on Dec. 25th, at the residence of Mrs. Mudgett, in this city, Milo E. Sutton to Katie C. Field. The many friends of the bride and groom unite with the Times in wishing them a happy future. After the ceremony all partook of a bounteous repast served according to the strict principles of the Hygienic school, and this being a sample of what may be enjoyed under such strict regime, we doubt not but that the system will have many converts. Long live Hygienic teaching, living and cooking, say we, give us some more.

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A. O. U. W. NOTICE.

There will be a special meeting of protection lodge No. 172 at the lodge room, on Saturday evening Dec. 31, all members are urgently requested to attend, as matters of important will be brought before the lodge for consideration.

J. A. Arment, M. W.

FROM FORD.

Plenty of snow.

Cold weather in full blast.—Ford on the boom notwithstanding! Everybody celebrated Christmas.

Dr. Hubbard has lately moved into his new residence on Main street.

Ford is to have another new church building in the near future.

Mrs. Horn is now building a new residence 28 by 28 on Fourth street.

Our city hall has suddenly taken a quietus. Why is this thusly?

J. M. Burson has had the misfortune of getting his stock into the city pound several times this week.

Miss Louise Herger has lately gone to Mullinville, for a visit with her sister for several weeks.

Mr. Bryant as the successor of the firm known as Weston and Byrns is now doing a lively business.

Mr. L. A. Palmer presented his wife with an elegant gold watch, on the morning of the 25th. Mr. N. J. Smith did like wise.

Geo. Stule sold his fine carriage team to Mr. Jones of our city last Monday. Mr. Stule will now go on foot as many of us do.

We are informed that the ball was a grand success of last Saturday eve. Mr. Charley Bates rather capped the climax in his costume.

Mr. Sanford Bates and wife will probably not continue but little longer in the Brunswick hotel, as landlord and mistress.

The exercises at the Congregational church by the children of our city last Saturday eve, was a success in every respect. The tree was well arranged, and the many presents were beautiful and elegant.

Ford's brass band has finally come to the front in grand shape. The boys have taken hold of the music in earnest, and can now do themselves honor, as well as their city. Keep it up boys, next year is the Presidential election.

Our farnes are all much better off than they feared they would be. Their corn and millet is all turning out much better than was expected, and their cattle, and hogs are doing well, if our farmers will only stick, they will sure succeed.

Many of Ford's citizens and farmers are subscribers for the Times, for this reason, arrangements have been made whereby weekly contribution will be furnished from this point. It will be the desire of the correspondent to furnish the Times such news as will in no way detract from the general standing of the paper, but on the other hand furnish such news as will be worthy the reading.

W. B. S.

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BAPTIST NOTES.

Sunday morning the Pastor, John E. Gregory, will preach on the Lords Supper which ordinance the Church will observe at morning worship. In the evening the Pastor will preach on "Lot or Covetousness, Carelessness and Callousness." Those of you who are afflicted with these spiritual diseases should come and get a scorching.

The Sunday School lesson for Jan. 8th will be Matt. 14: 13-21. "The Multitude fed from Multiplied Bread." The "Word" for the same Sunday will be "Tithes."

The Church will observe the "Week of Prayer" beginning Sunday evening Jan. 1, and continuing every evening during the week. An atheist once said that "He knew there was no God. He had cultivated two adjoining fields, one on Sunday, and the other on week days, and the Sunday field yielded more than the week day field." Horace Greeley thereupon remarked "The Lord does not always settle his accounts in October. Christian don't you get an idea that the Lord waits for the "Week of Prayer" to bestow his blessings. Prayer that is prayer is a sight draft on the throne of grace. He will bestow spiritual blessings on His Church and people at any time they have faith to call upon him. Nor don't you get an idea that you can do up all your praying the first of the year. Do you do all your eating and talking the first of January, and lay off the rest of the year? However that may be, you ought to be a little larger, and better christian for having observed this Week of Prayer. Then come each evening and take part in the meeting. Come praying, pray while you are there, and go home praying.

There remains some copies of the Pastor's sermon on Baptism. Those who have not received copies for distribution will do well to call for them. Get two or three more, and place them where the reading of them will do some one good.

That was a singular blunder a lady made who mistook a theatre for a church. On taking her seat she dropped her head upon the back of the chair in front of her and engaged in silent prayer. Her companion's exclamations recalled her and she attempted to pass the matter off by pretending she was only removing her overshoes. Praying in a theatre! She must have been very absent minded.

And yet, when we think of it, where would a person need more to fortify himself with prayer?—Herald of Michigan.

Bad as the devil is, he has one good quality, that he will flee if we resist him; though cowardly in him it is safety for us.—Tyrone Edwards.

Mr. Charles Hahn and Mrs. Mabel Butler, were married at their home, by the Pastor Sunday Dec. 25th.

We are glad to welcome back amongst us our Brother Donegan. The Baptist church with three ministers, one young and two old ones to keep him steady, ought to thrive certainly.

From some unknown cause the prairie grass caught fire in the northeast part of town on Sunday afternoon, and burned over considerable territory before it was under control.—Kinsley Banner Graphic.

What kind of a city is Kinsley? We had understood that they had a boom in that burg. Now they let out the fact that the prairie grass is still in their streets, that it caught fire and burned over a large territory, no buildings burned, no damage done for there was nothing to burn except prairie grass. The Times extends its sympathy for the loss of the grass.

IT LAY BETWEEN 'EM

A woman was up before the police court the other day for assaulting her husband. He related after her arrest, and when he came to the witness box he refused to swear against her.

"Now, Mr. Clark," said his honor, "didn't your wife inflict those scratches on your face?"

"I can't tell a lie, sir."

"And I don't want you to. Was it your wife?"

"Your honor, we keep a cat. It lies between the two of 'em. If my wife says she didn't then it must be the cat, and I'll have her beheaded before I sleep this night!"—Detroit Free Press.

A CHINESE FLOOD.

Chinese papers give the details of a disaster occasioned by the Yellow river overflowing its banks in the province of Honce, and described it as one of the most appalling occurrences in loss of life and property recorded in recent times. The river broke its banks on the evening of September 27th, south-east of the city of Ching Chow, and not only completely inundated that city, but also ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a ranging sea ten to thirty feet deep, where it was once a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow river is now dry, and the present lake was the bed of the river centuries ago. The loss of life is incalculable, and the statement is made by missionaries that millions of Chinese are homeless and starving. Many huts are being erected for them. What it will be in two months cannot be conceived. The misery is increased owing to the bitter cold weather.

The Chicago Inter Ocean says: New York has dropped to the position of the sixth state in the union in the number of miles of her railroads. Illinois stands at the head, followed by Iowa, Kansas, Texas, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio. Kansas with 400 more miles of railway than New York, is an object lesson worthy of study.

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DODGE CITY, KANSAS.

FOR SALE.

THE GEM HOTEL.

For personal reasons we wish to sell the above hotel within the next 30 days. Here is a bargain for some one that wants something of this kind, as we are doing a good business. THOMPSON & JACKSON.

STOLEN OR STRAYED.

A dun mare pony, dark main and tail, branded J. C. on right hip, about 6 years old. A suitable reward will be paid for information leading to her recovery. H. T. EVANS.

SOFT SOAP!!

In any quantity to suit purchasers, at the Excelsior Laundry, at 40 cents per gallon: \$15.00 per barrel.

BASEMENT FOR RENT

Under Langston Hardware Co.'s Hardware store. Best location in the city, across street from P. O. See James Langton of W. G. Sherlock.

WALL PAPER.